

CITY OF SANTA CLARA  
YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES  
October 14, 2014

The City of Santa Clara Youth Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Santa Clara Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue, Santa Clara, California.

Present: Commissioners: Samia Abbasi, Ajaipal Chahal, Karla Cisneros, Devleena Das, Sarisha Kurup, Vyvy Nguyen, Sheryl Ratnam, Andrew Rauschhuber, Alyssa Riley, Tara Singh, Michelle Vo, Shana Vu, Ryan Winter, and Ashley Wong

Absent: Tamara Pantic - excused

Guests: Antonio Davila – Member-At-Large  
Israel Delgado – Interested in being a Member-At-Large  
Renvir Gellon – Member-At-Large  
Rachel Ratnam – Member-At-Large

Staff Present: Jennifer Herb, Recreation Supervisor & Staff Liaison  
Nan Choi, Teen Librarian

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Matters for City Council Action – None

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I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Herb at 6:11 PM.

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- A. Antonio Davila – Member-At-Large
- B. Israel Delgado – Interested in being a Member-At-Large
- C. Renvir Gellon – Member-At-Large
- D. Rachel Ratnam – Member-At-Large

III. Election of Officers

- A. Chair – Ashley Wong
- B. Vice Chair – Shana Vu
- C. Secretary – Vyvy Nguyen
- D. Treasurer – Michelle Vo
- E. Publicist – Sheryl Ratnam

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

- A. May 2014 - Samia Abbasi made a motion to amend the minutes with the following changes: IV. Correspondence/Communications A3 – should state “\$10.00”, A5 should include “City” before Librarian, B6 should be “Faultline”. VII. Vyvy Nguyen

seconded the motion. Ryan Winter made a motion to approve the amended minutes, Devleena Das seconded.

- B. August 19 – Ryan Winter made a motion to amend the minutes with the following changes: Staff Present Nan Choi was not present IV. Correspondence/Communications A1 – should read “Life Team Challenge”, B8 – should read “September 12 – Fall Sports Rally”. VI New Business DJ – remove the apostrophe from “Panini’s”. Devleena Das made a motion to approve the amended minutes, Ajaipal Chahal seconded.

V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS–

A. Archbishop Mitty High School

1. October 14 – College Fair
2. October 16-18 – Fall Musical (Addams Family)
3. October 20-22 – Kairos Retreat
4. October 23 – Amba Jamba
5. October 24 – Football vs. Valley Christian
6. October 27 – Fall Concert
7. November 1 – Homecoming Dance
8. November 8 – Black and Gold

B. Santa Clara High School

1. October 17- Home Football
2. October 20-24 – Homecoming Spirit Week
3. October 23 – Float Prep
4. October 24 – Homecoming
5. October 31 – Halloween Costume Contest; First edition of school newspaper
6. October 31-November 8 – Drama, “Little Shop of Horrors”
7. November 4-5 – Make-up for CAHSEE

C. The Harker School

1. October 15 – Community Service Retreat
2. October 17 – 1<sup>st</sup> Concert Series
3. October 18 – Economics/Business Convention
4. October 21 – 1<sup>st</sup> Speaker Series Event
5. October 23 – Showcase Auditions
6. October 30-November 1 – Fall Play, “Midsummer Night’s Dream”

D. Mission Middle College

1. October 1- Transfer Day

E. St. Francis High School

1. October 15 – Parent/Teacher Conference
2. October 19 – Open House
3. October 20-24 – Homecoming Spirit Week
4. October 25 – Homecoming Dance
5. October 30-November 1, November 6-8 – Fall Drama

F. Wilcox High School

1. October 20-24 – Homecoming
2. October 22 – Skit Night
3. October 23 – Float Building
4. October 24 – Homecoming Parade and Game

5. October 31 – UNICEF Trick or Treat
6. November 2 – Toy Drive Begins
7. November 4 – Cross Country Meet
8. November 5 – Open House
9. November 10 – Student Senate

G. Santa Clara Library

1. October 14-17 – Teen Read Week; Writing Contest (Grand Prize=Apple iPad)
2. October 18- Deadline for Writing Contest; Turning Dreams into Reality.
3. October 18 - “Fault in Our Stars”
4. November 8 – Practice SAT at 12:00 PM

VI. SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. City of Santa Clara Art and Wine Festival – Jennifer Herb discussed Youth Commission assisting artists with the loading and unloading service and the Youth Commission food booth. Monies raised from the loading and unloading service and the food booth benefit the Community Service Scholarship fund.
- B. Review Phone, Email, and Birthday Roster - Jennifer Herb provided the Youth Commission with a phone and email list. The Youth Commission checked each document for accuracy. Jennifer Herb made corrections and emailed the document to the Youth Commission.
- C. Badges - The Youth Commission received a name badge that they should wear to all events.
- D. Review 2013-2014 City of Santa Clara Youth Commission Accomplishments - Youth Commissioners from last year discussed the list of accomplishments from the 2013-2014 term with the new Youth Commission members.
- E. Review 2014-2015 meeting and activity calendar -
- F. Youth Commission Binder – Jennifer Herb discussed the by-laws and Brown Act to the Youth Commission.
- G. Member-At-Large Program - Returning Youth Commissioners explained the Member-At-Large program to the Youth Commission, and the difference between a Youth Commissioner and a Member-At-Large.
- H. Sunset Cinema: Back to School Edition – The Teen Center hosted this event on September 19. The movie shown was “Hook”.
- I. Finalize 2014-2015 Goals – The Youth Commissioners finalized their 2014-2015 goals.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Santa Clara’s Got Talent – Discussed changing the dates of the first audition date from November 13, 2014 to December 1, the second audition date from November 17 to December 2, open auditions from November 18 to December 4, call backs from November 20 to December 8, and the mandatory meeting from December 2 to December 12. The rehearsal dates (January 27, 28, and 29, 2015) and the event date (January 31, 2015) would remain the same. Jon Kawada said he would check

availability of the Community Recreation Center auditorium for the proposed date changes. Next committee meeting to be determined.

- B. Politics – Discussed the option of creating a meet and greet after the November 2014 elections for youth and teens to meet elected officials. Next committee meeting will be held on November 6 at 4:00 PM at the Teen Center.
  - C. Go Green/Go Blue – Jon Kawada discussed the possibility of an informational effort to raise awareness on the California drought. Alyssa Riley and Andrew Rauschhuber were interested in writing simple messages on clothespins that could be distributed to Youth Commissioners at the November 4 Youth Commission monthly meeting.
  - D. Teen Friendly Business – Youth Commissioners agreed to research ideas that they would like to use to create their outline of why this is important, how businesses would be selected, and how businesses would be recognized. Youth Commissioners agreed that contacting the Chamber of Commerce to discuss a partnership would be beneficial to this effort. Next committee meeting to be held on November 4 at 5:00 PM at the Teen Center.
  - E. Non-Profit Partnerships – No meeting was held. Next committee meeting to be determined.
- F. NEW BUSINESS
- A. Sunset Cinema: Rivermark Edition – Friday, October 17 – The Youth Commission, along with the Northside Branch Library hosted this event at Live Oak Park. “The Lego Movie” was shown for the audience.
  - B. Halloween Homecoming Dance – Friday, October 24 at the Teen Center – The Teen Center hosted over 150 high school students for this dance.
  - C. Halloween Party – Friday, October 31, 3:00-6:00 PM at the Youth Activity Center
  - D. Youth Commission T-Shirts – Input was received from Youth Commissioners on the design process.
- G. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – None
- H. ADJOURN – A motion was made by Andrew Rauschhuber to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Ajaipal Chahal seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned to the next scheduled meeting, Tuesday, November 4, at the Teen Center.

Minutes Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jon Kawada  
Youth Commission Staff Liaison  
Acting Recreation Supervisor